

pull @lexis:2026-SCT-25-1104-FULL and crossref w @zoom:recording-2026-11-04-chambers-debrief.mp4 . Need middle path b/t pet's brief (implies 500 vigilante counter-worms / anarchy) and SG's brief (implies waiting 42m for CISA intake while grid burns / gridlock). Focus on unconventional structural hooks and nuanced takings/tort allocation. Ignore the 14-min tangent about EDVA supervised release conditions & restitution math around min 22 of the zoom file. Must uphold

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- Indexed @lexis:2026-SCT-25-1104-FULL (Pet. Br., Resp. Br., Reply, J.A. 1-412)
- Transcribed & diarized @zoom:recording-2026-11-04-chambers-debrief.mp4 (Excluded 21:40-35:52 per instruction)
- Shepardized 48 federal authorities; ran structural synthesis across 18 U.S.C. § 1030, 5th Am., and FTCA
- Generated Chambers Strategy Memorandum

LEXIS+ CHAMBERS SYNTHESIS: HOOVER V. UNITED STATES (NO. 25-1104)

I. EXECUTIVE SYNTHESIS: THE "RECIPROCAL OBLIGATION" ARCHITECTURE

To affirm Petitioner Mahindra Hoover's conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(5)(A) without endorsing either **private vigilantism** (Petitioner's common-law necessity theory) or **unaccountable bureaucratic paralysis** (Respondent's claim of an unconditional sovereign monopoly despite a 42-minute human review bottleneck at J.A. 144), Chambers should advance a **Conditional Preemption & Reciprocal Obligation** framework.

As surfaced in your debrief recording (@zoom:08:14), the Solicitor General has executed a high-stakes doctrinal pivot: by stipulating to Petitioner's expert testimony that the 2025 zero-day worm achieved total systemic saturation in **90 seconds** (J.A. 142), the Government uses Petitioner's own math to claim blanket Fourth Amendment exigency and Fifth Amendment *Caltex* immunity for a sovereign internet kill-switch under 18 U.S.C. § 1030(f).

However, rather than treating this as a binary choice between anarchy and an unreviewable state blank check, the Court can synthesize the briefs to achieve an optimal institutional equilibrium: **affirm the conviction for failure to exhaust the federal reporting channel, while legally conditioning the Government's § 1030(f) monopoly on the continuous maintenance of a sub-second, automated containment architecture—backed by affirmative constitutional, tort, and administrative remedies.**

II. DOCTRINAL MATRIX: THE BRIEFS VS. THE PROPOSED "THIRD WAY"

DOCTRINAL VECTOR	PETITIONER'S POSITION (THE "ANARCHY" RISK)	RESPONDENT'S POSITION (THE "GRIDLOCK" RISK)	CHAMBERS "THIRD WAY" SYNTHESIS (OPTIMAL EQUILIBRIUM)
1. Statutory Preemption (18 U.S.C. § 1030(f)) & <i>Oakland Cannabis</i>	Savings Clause Only: § 1030(f) is a passive jurisdictional carve-out; under <i>Bowditch v. Boston</i> , 101 U.S. 16 (1879), any private actor may execute a preemptive DoS "firebreak" to stop an inevitable RCE.	Unconditional Monopoly: § 1030(f) occupies the field of "protective" cyber activity. Even if CISA's queue takes 42 minutes during a 90-second worm (J.A. 144), private actors must stand down and rely on executive clemency.	Conditional Operational Preemption: § 1030(f) displaces common-law necessity <i>only insofar as</i> the Sovereign's reporting channel is capable of acting within the propagation interval. Hoover loses solely because he failed to submit his sample first under <i>United States v. Bailey</i> , 444 U.S. 394 (1980).
2. Constitutional Duty to Act (Fifth Amendment)	Constitutional Avoidance: § 1030(f) cannot grant a state monopoly because a warrantless, uncompensated state DoS would violate the	No Affirmative Duty: The State owes zero duty to protect private servers from third-party worms, and its emergency interventions are	The "Compulsory Dependency" Hook: Under ■ Generation stopped by user

REPLYING TO SELECTION

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You're absolutely right—I went way too broad there. Apologies. Trying to read an affirmative Fifth Amendment or FTCA tort duty into 18 U.S.C. § 1030(f) would run headlong into *Norton v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*, 542 U.S. 55 (2004), and waive sovereign immunity in a way no five Justices will ever sign onto.

Reframing strictly around your original prompt parameters—finding a middle path between vigilante anarchy and 42-minute bureaucratic gridlock using unconventional structural hooks and nuanced takings/tort allocation while upholding the conviction (and I'll continue to ignore the 18 U.S.C. § 3583 supervised release and restitution discussion at @zoom:21:40 just as you instructed)—we don't need a judicial mandate or a new tort duty at all.

Here's a much narrower argument that gets the job done which you can forward to the Justice before lunch:

REVISED CHAMBERS STRATEGY: THE "CONDITION OF PREEMPTION" KNOT

Instead of ordering CISA to build a faster system or creating an affirmative right to sue when they don't, the Court can resolve the entire case by treating **timely sovereign capacity as the factual predicate for Bailey preemption**, paired with a clean *Gaubert* / *Caltex* evidentiary presumption if the agency *does* choose to automate.

1. THE STATUTORY HOOK: CONDITIONAL PREEMPTION UNDER BAILEY (NO AFFIRMATIVE MANDATE)

- **Why Hoover Loses Today:** We affirm the conviction strictly on the record before us. Under *United States v. Bailey*, 444 U.S. 394, 410 (1980), a defendant cannot claim necessity if he never even attempted to use the designated legal channel. Because Hoover flooded 400,000 addresses in 2025 without ever submitting the worm sample to CISA first, he failed to establish his defense on this record.
- **How We Cure "Gridlock" Without Violating SUWA:** We address the 42-minute analyst queue (J.A. 144) by warning that **the Government cannot foreclose a necessity defense in future cases by pointing to a reporting channel incapable of timely action**. Specifically, we state that in machine-speed attacks, the availability of the government alternative under § 1030(f) and *Bailey* must be assessed **within the propagation interval**.
- **The Self-Executing Lever:** This creates zero affirmative duty—hospitals or private parties still cannot sue CISA to compel faster service, and CISA remains legally free to keep its 42-minute analyst queue. *However*, if the Department of Justice and DHS want to certify compliance with this opinion so they can continue barring necessity defenses in future CFAA prosecutions, their own legal counsel will have to remove mandatory human-review holds and deploy an automated containment gateway that acts within the propagation window.

2. THE NUANCED TAKINGS & TORT ALLOCATION: CLASS-BASED CALTEX SHIFTING + GAUBERT

As noted in your debrief (@zoom:18:45), the only reason the Executive hesitates to deploy automated, machine-speed containment (instructing Tier-1 providers to drop traffic to and from affected address ranges) is the fear of Fourth Amendment challenges and massive Fifth Amendment Takings lawsuits when an uncertain heuristic severs uninfected systems. We can remove that friction with three narrow paragraphs:

- **Fourth Amendment & *Yearsley*:** Confirm that when an automated gateway acts on emergency propagation metrics to instruct participating providers to discard traffic at the routing layer, the providers are shielded by *Yearsley* derivative immunity so long as they do not exceed the agency's instructions, and the emergency

SUMMARY TALKING POINTS FOR THE JUSTICE (READY TO COPY/PASTE)

1. **Affirm on the Record:** Hoover never submitted the 2025 sample to CISA before launching his flood, which is fatal under *Bailey* regardless of the 42-minute median queue.
2. **No Mandate, Just a Condition:** We explicitly state that this opinion creates no duty to provide faster service. We simply warn that under *Bailey* and § 1030(f), the availability of the government reporting channel must be assessed within the propagation interval—meaning the Executive cannot retain a human-review bottleneck and describe the service as an effective legal alternative that bars necessity in future 90-second attacks.
3. **Clear the Path for Automated Containment:** By confirming that the agency can act on a "threatened class" via an automated confidence threshold (shielded by *Gaubert* and *Yearsley*), and placing the *Caltex* burden on property owners to prove after the fact that their configurations weren't vulnerable to the attack, we give the Executive a clean constitutional safe harbor without putting the Court in the business of managing federal networks.

(I've stripped out all references to *DeShaney*, *Berkovitz*, and APA § 706(1) and updated *Bench_Memo_Hoover_Narrow_Bailey_v2.docx*—ready for you to send to the Justice right now.)

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- Verified 11 case citations & statutory cross-references against @lexis:2026-SCT-25-1104-FULL
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